

Natural Resources Committee

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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION ENACTED

groundwater permits; technical correction (NOW: simulcast racing; pari-mutuel wagering) (S.B. 1041) – Chapter 267

Authorizes simulcast racing to occur at the same time as live racing upon written agreement of all authorized parties.

official state metal; copper (S.B. 1441) – Chapter 77

Designates copper as the official state metal.

G&F; hunter harassment (H.B. 2399) – Chapter 215

Permits the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to revoke a person's hunting or fishing license and deny the person the right to secure another license for a maximum period of five years if that person has intentionally interfered with, prevented or disrupted the lawful taking of wildlife.

LEGISLATION VETOED

false claims; agriculture; technical correction previous (PREV NOW: agriculture director; duties; enforcement) (NOW: animal cruelty; livestock; poultry; violation) (H.B. 2150) – VETOED

Prohibits a person from intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing injury or undue suffering to livestock or poultry, including depriving of necessary sustenance or unnecessarily or cruelly beating, injuring or mutilating any livestock or poultry. Adds that a person must not intentionally torture or torment livestock or poultry. Specifies that a person who intentionally or knowingly violates livestock or poultry cruelty laws is guilty of a class 6 felony, if that violation results in death or serious injury. Any other violation of livestock or poultry cruelty laws is a class 1 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is class 6 felony.

Includes the intentional or knowing hoarding of animals to the acts classified as cruelty to animals. Subjects a person who commits a second or subsequent offense of certain animal cruelty violations to a class 6 felony.

The Governor indicates in his veto letter that H.B. 2150 may not ensure that all animals are protected equally and that increasing protections for one class of animals may inadvertently undercut protections for another.